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REMARKS

Claims 22-26, 33 and 34 are cancelled herein without prejudice to filing a continuation application containing the same so that the issuance of allowed claims 27-32 and 35-37 may be expedited. In canceling these claims, the Applicant does not acquiesce to the correctness of the Examiner's rejection of these claims. Nor should the cancellation of these claims be construed as limiting the scope of equivalents of the allowed claims.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully assert that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

Applicants believe no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, however, should any fees be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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